

Research Mini-Trail & Presentation

Due date: 4th November



As an introduction to your team project topic, and in preparation for your options trail, you and your team will conduct background research on your topic and plan a mini-trail to collect field evidence. You will then present your findings to your home group.

The task is composed of three parts:

- A) Conducting background research into your team project topic and creating an online Glogster poster to help present your research findings
- B) Planning and carrying out a mini-trail to collect field evidence
- C) Presenting your online poster and mini-trail findings to your home group

Part A: Research & Online Poster

What do we need to include in our background research?

Teams should include the following information in their Glogster poster:

- 1. Outline the history of *your topic* in Melbourne.**
- 2. Present a current issue connected to your topic.**
 - For example: If your topic is **Public Transport** you might look into the implementation of the Myki cards.
 - You will need to find an issue that has been on the news recently (in the last 12 months).
 - Tell us what the issue is and how it affects Melbournians.
 - If you are unsure whether your issue is connected closely enough to Melbourne, you should discuss this with your homegroup teacher.
- 3. Present some Melbourne locations and people that are linked to your topic and explain why they are important/ relevant.**

Look for sites that you could visit and people that you could interview on your Options Trail. **The Poster**

First of all. What is Glogster?

Glogster is an online program that allows you to easily upload photos, videos, text, audio and more to create an interactive online poster called a Glog. Your group will be given a username and password from your homegroup teacher – there will be one login per group so you can all edit the same document.

There will be a sample Glog on the Wiki to give you an idea of what you can do with your Glog. You will be presenting the poster and elaborating on the information it presents for your audience so feel free to play around with the format and features. Just make sure the combined presentation and Glog include all of the relevant information!

Important points

- Your team will present and speak about the poster so you do not have to fill it with lots of text.
- Use visual material such as photos, newspaper articles, sketches, etc. to engage your audience and provide a talking point
- The possibilities for Glogs are endless. Start early so you can explore the features and make something amazing!
- You can access your Glog from anywhere with the log-in info. So your team can edit from home, school or anywhere.
- The poster should be completed and uploaded to the Wiki by **Wednesday 2nd November** – note that the final school day before Wed 2/11 is Friday 28th October!

Part B: The Mini-Trail

What is the mini-trail?

The mini-trail is a one-location trail that you will plan and execute on the 4th of November. The mini-trail is designed to **enhance your understanding of your topic** in Melbourne, **stimulate more questions** to investigate on the big options later in the term and give you **the experience of planning** a community visit.

- Assess your background research. Where are there gaps? What would you like to know more about? Where might you be able to access this information?
- Choose one site for your mini-trail that can give you more information on your topic; a museum, gallery, The State Library, the Koori Heritage Trust, etc.
- Decide what you would like to find out when you are there.
- Present your desired location along with your research aims to your home group teacher for approval.

Once you have approval, you can begin to start planning your visit. There will be a planning document on the Team Project page of the Wiki to help you structure your planning. You will be leaving from UHS at approximately 9am. You need to return to UHS by the start of session 3. You will have sessions 3 & 4 to collate your findings and decide how you would like to present them. Sessions 5 & 6 of that day will be the presentations.

Part C: The Presentation

In your presentation your team will present;

- The Glog poster and talk the audience through the aspects of the research you conducted.
- The Mini-Trail location, the rationale for visiting the location and the findings
- Your Options Trail questions

What are Options Trail Questions?

These are questions that you would like to investigate during the Options Trail later in the term. They should arise out of your background research and field research.

The success of your Options Trail later in the term will be determined by how well you can design a trail that helps you answer these questions.

It is important that:

- A) you are able to articulate how your research questions for Options Trail relate to your preliminary research, and,
- B) you have a general idea of how you can address these questions during your Options trail

What else do we need to know?

- Students will present as a team, to their home group.
- Every team member needs to participate in the presentation.
- Presentations should run for between 15 – 20 minutes.
- You can use a variety of resources, such as the Internet, the library, newspapers, magazines, television and film to conduct your research.
- You should include a list of references for where you found your information.

KEY DATES:

- **2nd November – Poster to be uploaded**
- **4th November – Mini Trail & presentations**